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NO FIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT

Advisory Board Adopts the Committee of Nine—Nominations to be Made Direct to the College.

Meeting in Silliman Hall Friday evening the Advisory Board reconstructed the present constitution of the Athletic Association and, shaping it to accord with the wishes of the College as expressed January 15, effected a revision which will be submitted for the approval of the College tomorrow. The opposition to the new and smaller governing board which was manifested in the College meeting and which was expected to crystallize in the Advisory Board meeting Friday evening, did not materialize. The scheme for a new board will be formally presented to the College in practically the same shape as originally drafted by the committee appointed by President Martin. An important change, however, has been made in the duties of the new board in that it will no longer have the power of nominating assistant managers. Recommendations for these positions are to be made directly to the College by the managers and captains.

According to the re-drafted constitution the Athletic Association will hereafter be known as "The General Association for Undergraduate Activities of Hamilton College." The Association is to have an executive board which shall take over the duties of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and those of the present Advisory Board. The new executive board is to be made up of the president, vice-president and treasurer of the Association, who are to be members of the Faculty; three members of the undergraduate body who are to be elected in an open College meeting on the third week in December of their Junior year; and three Alumni who are to be chosen by the general body of contributing Alumni. In order that a chaotic system of nominations may not result the following scheme has been devised: The Faculty members are to be nominated by the three retiring student members of the board and to be voted upon by the College. Six Alumni are to be nominated by the retiring board and their names, submitted by postcards, are to be voted upon by the contributing Alumni; three will be chosen.

A manager or assistant manager may be one of the three student members of the executive board for, according to the reading of the revised constitution, "no man is to hold office on the board by virtue of any other office which he holds, nor be excluded on account of any office."

The proposition of closed nominations for the three student members was also discussed in Friday night's meeting but it was finally decided that as much nominating power as possible should be taken out of the hands of the executive board and given directly to the students. It was in line with this decision that Wenigmann, '13, manager of football, introduced a resolution providing that all recommendations for the position of assistant managers of athletic teams and the musical clubs and for manager of intramural sports should be made directly to the student body. This plan, it was the census of opinion of the Advisory Board, will largely eliminate suspicion which has formerly been directed at a nominating board. "The manager, assistant manager and captain of any department," said Wenigmann,

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DEBATERS SELECTED.

Yesterday afternoon the Debate Council picked the following debate teams. The names, Professor Lewis wishes emphasized, are given alphabetically with no reference to the positions the men will occupy.

Upholding the negative against Colgate at Clinton: Groves, Simonds, Wheelock.

Upholding the affirmative against Cornell at Clinton: Alvord, Bates, Ingersoll and Thompson, '12.

Upholding the affirmative against Union at Schenectady: Bedenkapp, DuBois, Plant and Warren.

The alternates will be chosen later on the basis of ability shown.

JUNIORS WIN INTERCLASS

Keen Debating and Comprehensive Knowledge of Subject Marred by Mediocre Appearance.

The annual debate between the Seniors and Juniors was held in the Chapel Thursday night. The well-fought contest deserved a far larger audience. The subject was: Resolved, that the Sherman Anti-Trust law should be repealed. One of the judges said that he considered it practically impossible for the affirmative to establish a case under the wording of the question. The subject, as debated, resolved itself into a question as to whether we should keep the Sherman Law or have no law at all to regulate combinations. This was the interpretation given by the Debate Council. The contest showed that such a position makes the affirmative position extremely difficult.

It must not be supposed, however, that the Juniors won merely by superiority of position. They showed unexpected strength in presentation, and can claim a well-earned victory for the negative.

DuBois opened the debate for the Seniors by attempting to prove that the Sherman Law is antiquated. He traced the statute back to the common law principle, and drew the conclusion that in theory all combinations are to be attacked. His rather elaborate discussion of internal and external restraint lacked clearness and was cleverly rebutted later. His manner of delivery, though a trifle condescending, was impressive and effective.

Peck, for the negative, showed the business development which called forth the law. He contended that a flexible law was needed, which should be effective and constructive in various cases which might arise; and that the Sherman Law has filled these qualifications in the cases which have arisen under it. Peck evidently "had the sequence of his argument well in hand," but if he spoke memoriter, the torrent of his eloquence flowed straight and strong.

Warren replied that the Sherman Law, if successful, wipes out combinations. He then displayed the ad-

vantages of combination as compared with the evils of free competition. He furthermore claimed that the law gives dangerous powers to the judiciary, and is a positive menace to organized labor. Warren's delivery was a trifle anaemic, but his characterization of the law as a "weird incantation" was the deftest touch of the evening.

Groves admitted that combinations are frequently desirable, but maintained that the Sherman Law is not hostile to combinations not wilfully, deliberately, and unreasonably in restraint of trade. He was treading on thin ice, but he kept his footing cleverly. He added that the law is far from antiquated, and claimed that unrestricted competition is preferable to unregulated combination. This last point showed the fatal dilemma which the affirmative faced. Groves is not a good speaker, but he has logic enough to make up for his defect.

Plant said that the Sherman Law is a hold-up of rational business. He showed the disastrous results of dilatory executives and uncertain interpretations. In his eagerness to crowd in his many proofs and examples Plant sometimes failed to drive home his point.

Simonds gave a brief history of the epoch-making cases which have come up under the law, and claimed that in every case the Sherman Law had been effective. It was interesting information for the audience, though his conclusions were not self-evident.

Bedenkapp's debate showed his superior experience. He showed the absurdity of the so-called dissolution of trusts, and how the power over tobacco and oil is today just where it was two years ago. He substantiated his argument by statements of independent producers and dealers, and by carefully arranged stock quotations.

Wheelock, as final speaker for the negative, claimed that the law is intentionally broad and is interpreted by the spirit rather than by the letter. He did not bring forth much proof for his statements and his argument was consequently weak.

Several good points were brought up in rebuttal. Peck said that the size of the units created from the defunct Tobacco Trust shows that the Sherman Law is not hostile to big business. DuBois claimed that there are over two hundred combinations still to be dissolved under the law, and showed that the law is essentially destructive rather than constructive. Groves, withdrawing from the negative's previous position, admitted that the law is destructive, but the affirmative failed to take advantage of the unguarded flank. The negative kept up a development of the argument that the law affects only undesirable combinations, and the affirmative hurled back facts to prove that the law has always been ineffective. This would have made a very pretty clash, if the negative had not dragged out again the dilemma of Sherman Law or no law at all. Bedenkapp, in his rebuttal, introduced two arguments to which the negative took exception on the ground that they were new material. The summaries for both sides were short and weak. In this respect, Bedenkapp naturally had the advantage over Wheelock, but he did not make much of his advantage, prefering to introduce new arguments which were ruled out—all of which proves the danger of leaving your best cannon for a final shot.

The first woman's college in Germany has been opened at Leipzig.

The Chinese students at Syracuse have formed a local chapter of The Chinese Student Club.

Columbia University, with 8,000 students, now outranks Berlin in the matter of the world's largest student enrollment.

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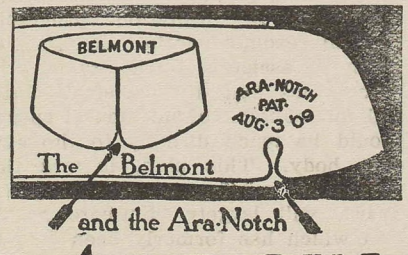

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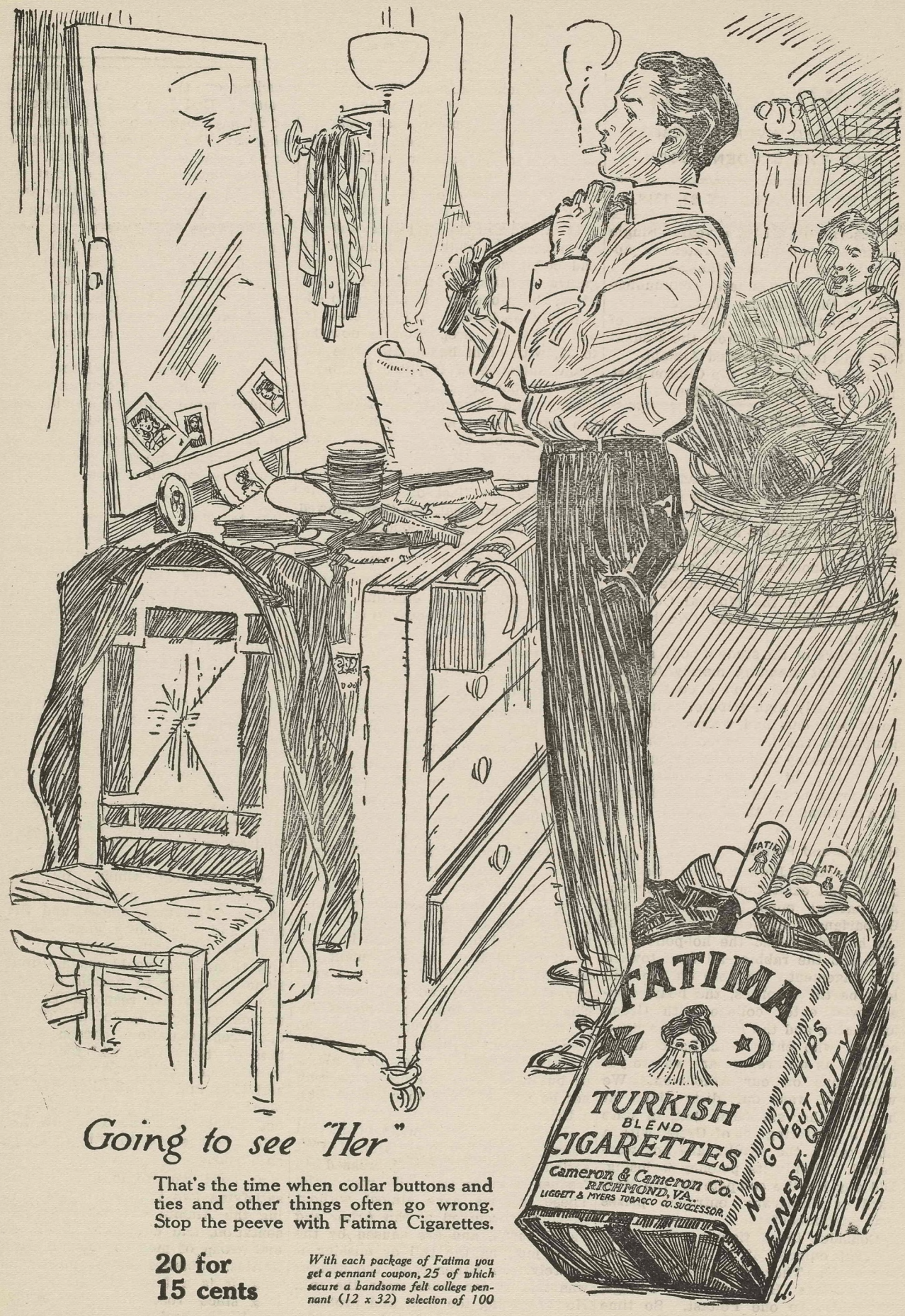

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EDITORIAL.

Carissima.

Life suggests that, inasmuch as Carissima has won for itself lasting popularity among both the Alumni and Undergraduates and has been rec ognized as THE College song, its rendition should receive more respect ful attention than was accorded it at the concert of the Musical Clubs in Scollard Opera House Wednesday evening.

Members of the student body should realize that standing merely for the purpose of putting on a coat is not a particularly high tribute. The rustle of overcoats and wraps which accompanied the last verse of Carissima Wednesday night was undoubtedly the result of thoughtlessness. A mere mention of the fact should serve as a warning for the future.

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Hoplites and Peltasts.

Contrasting Jews and Gentiles savors of self exaltation and distinction. As natural opposites — Greeks and Barbarians, the sheep and the goats, the hoi-aristoi and the hoi-polloi, the elite and the rabble—all tend toward disparagement. So here on the Hill let's be the Hoplites, the heavy-armed, who enter college with Greek and Latin, and the Peltasts, the light-armed, who enter with Latin alone. Divided as we are, we are we are yet loyal sons on our Athenaion. We would not wash our dirty linen at home; rather suffice it that, in spite of the bolstering up of Greek with a high tariff, the results are not wonderful. Plainly its potency is losing. Did any Hoplite compete for the Maynard or Brockway entrance prizes last September?

Consider these figures: The class of 1907 entered 33 A. B. candidates out of 49. They graduated 17 out of 32. Sixteen Hoplites left College, were lost, to one Peltast. So time was when the élite phalanx was mercilessly decimated. 1913 entered 17 Hoplites out of 62, dwindled to 12 out of 43 Sophomore year, and at present count 16 out of 41, havign gained four beginning recruits. 1909 entered 25 Hoplites out of 57 and graduated 23 out of 49. 1910 and 1911 each entered 16 A. B. aspirants. 1911 graduated 14 Hoplites and 16 Peltasts. 1912 entered 23 out of 64 and count now 25 out of 49, having gained recruits. 1914 entered 14 out of 56, the proportion is now 14 to 42, with six beginners. 1915 entered 14 out of 54, the proportion is now 22 to 32, with eight beginners. The average entrance of Hoplites has been about 30 per cent. for the last six years. The Peltasts have fallen by the way in large numbers, it is true. Various factors account for this; with the waning of Greek in school and college, only the stronger men seek it. While the "lust of numbers" in Peltasts is not great, are they allowed to enter with heavier conditions?

Let us grow cheerful and conceal our losses and not blatantly herald them. Much decrease in class membership and College enrollment lies in the modern tendency toward the vocational school. Yet are the Philistines really upon us?

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Remove the Rails.

The suggestion that the rails on the Hill be removed has not aroused much enthusiasm among the students That we desire speed and still more speed causes no surprise, even if that speed means danger. We all are too willing to take a chance. We believe that those who are injured owe their misfortune to lack of skill. And, above all, the average student dislikes any disparagement of his ability.

But since the overwhelming vote a week ago in favor of leaving the rails, a third broken leg has increased the unpleasant advertisement we are enjoying. That it was a young boy who was injured is immaterial. The mere fact that such possibility of injury exists should, being so clearly shown to us by the many accidents this winter, not only alarm us but make each wonder if he may not be the next one to be carried to a Utica hospital.

We have the statements of several Faculty members and Alumni that serious injuries have increased in frequence since the rails were laid. These injuries have almost without exception occurred at the Arbor and Psi U turns, and are caused by the sleds jumping the rail or missing it entirely. In either case, the steerer was relying too much upon the rail. He was going too fast, and probably knew that he was, but he was depending on the rail to swing him around. Had it not been there, he would have been more cautious, realizing that the question of making the curve rested only upon himself.

Some have complained that the rails should be higher. If they were, how much better would conditions be? The students would merely go faster than now, and when a sled once jumped the rail or missed—and there is always the possibility of either happening, were the rail a foot high —with so much more force would the coasters hit a tree or plunge into the ditch.

Even if coasting without rails brought no more enjoyment by demanding more skill, we should be on the safe side. We should insure ourselves against further accidents. We should remove the rails and make the incautious go more slowly.

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Vote for New Constitution.

So far as can be ascertained, the College is fairly well satisfied with the revisions in the Constitution made by the Advisory Board last Friday night. Taking the nominating function out of the control of the new Committee is a wise step and one which will eliminate much of our political manoeuvering.

As to the composition of the Executive Committee, however, there may be some objection. Many think that the managers should be placed on the Committee. However, the Advisory Board, in its work of revision, has properly considered the event of all undergraduate activities being recognized and supported by the Association. With Football, Baseball, Track, Musical Clubs, Intramural Sports, Lit., and, possibly, Life, Debating, Charlatans, Chess, and Press Club, and who knows what else may be instituted, all represented, the new Committee would assume dimensions too large to permit efficiency and to centralize responsibility, just as has our present Board. The student representation, chosen as the best in their class, will feel obliged to take an intelligent interest in our activities and to see that the trust placed in them by the College was not misplaced. The short period of office will serve to stimulate their enthusiasm.

At least we are in a fair way of satisfying two imperative needs—giving the Alumni the asked-for representation, and having a small, informal group of men to control our activities. Commission or no commission, it is a form of administration long since recognized by business people as absolutely necessary to ef-

ficiency. And are we not, in our humble way, a corporation?

Do not overlook the article which provides that any member of the Junior Class is eligible to a place on this Committee.

If this new board is adopted, it need not stand forever. If, in coming years, the Committee seems unsatisfactory, another change may easily be made. Give the new Committee a chance to demonstrate its efficiency. It is worth a trial.

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"will get together and select two candidates for the position. Then they will name these men in the open College meeting and give their reasons in support of the candidates. If the College thinks that an injustice has been done it can then of its own accord file further nominations." This was the scheme finally adopted.

Considerable comedy developed during the evening as the result of efforts to prevent the two leaders of the Musical Clubs from having a voice in the recommendations of candidates for assistant manager. The present management of the Musical Clubs protested vigorously against allowing the leaders a vote in the recommendations. "Temperamentally they don't know much about business," alleged Manager Boone. A further tilt occurred several minutes later when Manager Wenigmann voiced the sentiment that "a kid of sixteen can manage any department."

"But the mus'cal clubs," broke in Manager Boone.

"And a kid of eighteen could do that," was the retort.

It was finally decided that the leaders of glee club and instrumental clubs should be given no voice in the matter of recommendations.

Further revised sections of the constitution provide that the right to vote for football captain shall be given to all men playing in one whole game or parts of three and for baseball captain to all men playing 18 innings. The managers of athletic teams are to be given the right to wear the general H on both cap and sweater.

The general meetings of the Athletic Association are to be held the third week in December and the week preceding the Senior examinations of second term.

Printed copies of the revised constitution will be given to the students tomorrow morning in Silliman Hall. The voting which will include the selection of either Ogilvie or Regin, '14, as assistant manager of football will be held until noon.

WHAT THE ALUMNI WANT

An Appeal for the Students to Grant the Alumni Representation on the Proposed Committee.

To the Editor of Life:

May I ask for space to discuss the new advisory board scheme—not to over-persuade anyone, but to restate one or two matters on which there seems to be some confusion.

The general plan of a smaller board will, I believe, sufficiently commend itself as thoroughly businesslike and properly representative.

Against the proposed stronger Alumni representation on the Board, there seem to be two chief objections raised, if I correctly read Life's discussion, that the Alumni "want to get control of things," and that the proposed Alumni representation will be out of proportion to the money contributed by the Alumni.

For just what sinister end the Alumni could want to control things I don't know. On the contrary, I believe the Alumni who have so far interested themselves in affairs over which the Advisory Board has general supervision, have done so with the unselfish, disinterested and laudable purpose of helping the undergraduates and the general ollege activities in whatever modest way they could.

Unquestionably we are humanly liable to err, and if we can best help by keeping hands off, why this is a good time to know the unpalatable truth. However, I have no great fear that this is the case.

Now as to the proportional representation and money. Whatever practical value there may be in this objection, let us quietly and quickly agree to postpone as long as may be the time when dollars down are too loudly discussed as an even possible basis of our College democracy.

Without an adequate, active and responsible unit of Alumni representation on the new board, it will, in my judgment, be difficult for the undergraduate Association to handle an Alumni association, of which the Ten Year Association is one type, or to effectively manage any such work as the new Lit. scheme promises to afford; or to do much toward getting needed but comparatively expensive equipment for our teams; or to do its share toward securing the great permanent improvements which our athletics so badly require.

The Alumni representatives on the proposed board, being always in touch with affairs on the Hill, feeling their responsibility both toward undergraduates and Alumni would be in a position to act practically as an Alumni committee, and would thus be an invaluable intermediary between undergraduates, Faculty, the general Alumni body, the Graduate Council, and the Trustees. I cannot see that such possible work would help anyone more than the undergraduate.

Even were all the arguments above deemed footless, the undergraduates can well afford to concede a point to the Alumni in this matter, in order to stimulate interest among the Alumni in the affairs of the College. The returns will be ample.

I feel certain that undergraduate diplomacy in the matter will pay well.

A. M. DRUMMOND, '06.

MUSICAL CLUBS PLEASE

First Concert of Clubs Better Than That of Last Year—McGibeny and Heidner Commended.

In their initial concert last Wednesday the Musical Clubs pleased a fairly large audience. The numbers were executed with surprising snap and polish for a first appearance and far surpassed the work of last year's clubs in their Clinton concert. The Mandolin Club, composed largely of veterans and playing well-selected pieces appeared better by a considerable margin than the Glee Club. Everything considered, the outlook is promising. As George Lyon said when interviewed: "It was a mellifluous blending of sensuous harmony and true technique."

The selections of the Glee Club might savor more of the College atmosphere, instead of being so classical—speaking relatively, of course. Callahan and Williamson might prune out much of their comedy and introduce what little is left later on the program. McGibeny and Heidner are fine and should take well.

BASKET-BALL TONIGHT.

Tonight's basket-ball games will be between the Freshmen and the Sophomores and the Juniors and the Seniors. The first game will be called at 8:30.

WINTER ORATIONS.

Dr. Stryker announced in Chapel that the following prize awards had been made: Kirkland Prize to Willard B. Marsh, '12, of Bridgewater; Pruyn to Robert Beach Warren of Elmira. There was no award for Head Prize.

From 8:30 to 12 tomorrow the polls will be open in the Y. M. C. A. Do not forget to vote.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

D. E. STONE, '13, Local Editor.

HILL NOTES.

—Mackay, '15, of New Rochelle has left College to accept a business position with his father.

—Sidney S. Miller of Indianapolis has been elected captain of the Freshman Basket-ball Team.

—Professor Carruth entertained his brother, Mr. H. M. Carruth, of Cleveland, Ohio, a week ago.

—Dr. Wood lectured on the Initiative, Referendum and Recall at the Clinton Library, Friday evening.

—Harold G. Aron, '09, has opened new offices at 50 Pine street, New York City. He will retain his New Jersey office for the conduct of New Jersey affairs.

—Dr. Davenport gave an address before the congregation of the Westminster Church in Utica a week ago Sunday. His subject was "The Power of the Personality of Christ."

—It is hoped that Dr. Richard Burton, head of the English Department of the University of Minnesota, will visit Hamilton Femruary 1st, on the occasion of a lecture date in Rome. Dr. Burton is one of the most eminent poets and writers of the day.

—Osborne, '09, was on the Hill last week.

—The Athletic Council of the University of Rochester has decided to include hockey on its list of sports and to drop either baseball or track. In either case this action will effect the Hamilton schedule.

—The German and Political Science Seminars have been discontinued for the rest of this term.

—There will be a one hour elective course in debate with Dr. Stryker for the Seniors, which through an omission has not been posted in the catalog.

WAILS FROM LITTLE FALLS.

Tranquility of Peaceful Hamlet Sadly Disturbed.

Wooden signs make attractive mural decorations.

Duly purchased signs are not desirable.

Class banquets lead to surreptitious attachment of signs.

Indignant villagers fail to appreciate humor of attachment.

"Teown constabule" threatens arrest.

Signs returned.

Quick curtain.

As the result of threatened legal action on the part of the town authorities of Little Falls and the intervention of President Stryker in the role of attorney for the prosecution, the Sophomore Class has determined to return the wooden advertising signs which were removed from the vicinity of the Hotel Richmond the night of the 1914 banquet.

Not until Saturday morning was it known that trouble was likely to develop. Dr. Stryker, addressing the Sophomores after morning Chapel, announced that he was in receipt of a communication from Little Falls in which was made the statement that unless the afore-mentioned signs were immediately returned prosecution would be begun. Included in the letter was a list of Sophomores, who, it was alleged, were responsible for the removal of the signs. Prominent in this list were such notorious and far-famed law-breakers as George Fourth-dimension Walker, Baldy Diamond Dick Dayton and Boss William Barnes.

Among other pertinent statements Dr. Stryker called the attention of the Class to the fact that such actions were liable to work material harm. "If the President of Hamilton College," Dr. Stryker is quoted as having said, "wants to walk down the main street of Rochester with a suit of six colors, a pipe in his teeth, tobacco in the pipe, fire in the tobacco, he would have a perfect right. Someone would ask, 'Who's that?' The President of Hamilton College. Thus the College would be injured."

Luckily the Class of 1914 has seen the light and, fully realizing that the chances for an entering class of 200 men with Little Falls supplying the nucleus should not be jeopardized, has determined to return the sign boards to their native heaths.

No longer will the inhabitants of the busy little village mistake the door of the barber shop and accidentally stray into the meat market; no more will the village patriarch pull out his two cents for a postage stamp and find himself barking his shins against a brass rail. Everything will be nicely labelled and in its proper place.

As for the village, it may now sleep out its destiny.

—Cole and MacMillan, '14, have reported as candiadtes for Assistant Manager of Intra-Mural Sports.

—Daniel Wells, '99, has published, for private circulation, the story of his travels in the Orient. The title, "Baedecker Rampant," suggests the nature of the book.

THE WESTERNER COMING.

Big Improvement in Rehearsals of College Play—Coy Actorines to Grace Charlatans' Stage.

Contrary to prediction and general opinion the production of The Westerner by the Charlatans on Wednesday afternoon of Junior Week seems assured. Whatever doubt may have existed as to the outcome of the production has been fully dispelled by the marked improvement in the work of the cast since Prof. Shepard took charge of rehearsals.

In McGibeny, Mahady and Johnson three of the best actorines to grace the stage of Scollard Opera House since the days of the 1909 Charlatans have been found. McGibeny, who is fully acquainted with the intricacies of riding habits and ball gowns, is expected to be quite as petite and debonaire as the most charming of the Prom. girls. Mahady, with the rather vigorous use of a check rein, has learned to keep his feet together and on the afternoon of February 7th will trip daintily across the stage, possessed of all the passionate intensity of a Bernhardt coupled with the sinuous grace of Gertrude Hoffman. And Mahady is the villainess! Johnson is declared to lend a feminine respectability which is really remarkable. With the addition of a gray wig and forty years of age kindly donated to the Charlatans by Father Time his make-up is quite complete.

Two of the busiest men in the production are Donaldson, '12, and Callahan, '14. Burdened with the responsibility of impersonating fifteen Italian fishermen, supplying a mob of fifty men and playing an off-stage instrumental duet in the first and third acts they are holding no less than three rehearsals a day. Watch for the big mob scene.

"The Westerner" offers unusual opportunity for an elaborate stage setting and no effort is being spared to provide an elaborate scenic production. Extra scenery will be added to the present sets at the Opera House, while the electrical effects to be produced will necessitate further wiring.

Walter Craig, a welterweight, who represented America in the 1908 Olympic meet, and C. B. Brown, captain of the Pennsylvania 1907 team, are coaching the University of Pennsylvania wrestling squad.

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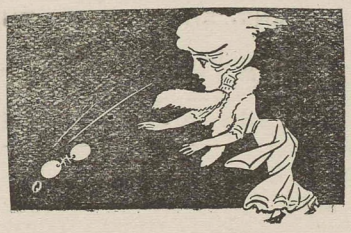

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